## The Jecrets of the Hohenzollerns

STARTLING EXPOSURE OF INNER LIFE OF KAISER AND CROWN PRINCE AS TOLD BY COUNT ERNST VON HELTZENDORFF TO WILLIAM LEQUEUX

EDITORIAL NOTE. — William Le-Caeux, who here chronicles for his friend, Count Erost von Heltzendorff, the latter's revelations of the inner life of the imperial German court, has

The English "Who's Who" says of him: "He has intimate knowledge of the secret service of Coatinenfal countries and is considered by the government (of Great Britain) an authority on such matters." Another authority says:

"Kindly read that!" she said haugh-

Lequeux probably has more sources of secret information at his command than any contemporary in civil life, and for the last six years the British Gov-ernment has made valuable use of his n specially organized department with which LeQueux works as a voluntary

Count von Heltzendorff became an intimate of LeQueux several years prior to the outbreak of the war; he has been living in retirement in France since Avagust, 1914, and it was there that Le-Queux received from the crown prince's la's personal adjutant permission to make public these revelations of the inner life of the Hohenzollerus—that the democracies of the world might come to know the real, but heretofore hidden, personalities of the two domi-anat members of the nuteerney they are \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## Another Victim of the Crown Prince

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ATE on the night of November 18, 1912, I was busily at work with him from Cologne to Berlin, We | had done a tour of military inspections in Westphalia, and, as usual, "Willie's" conduct had not been exact-On the night in question much had

land, where he had been engaged by speeches and handshakes, public and the bill for them!" private, blowing a narcotic dust in the nostrils of your dear but too confiding

"Heltzendorff!" exclaimed the crown in a frantic paroxysm of despair, tearprince, as he suddenly entered the ing off the splendid necklet of diaroom where I was busy attending to a monds at her throat—his present to those letters and things. Burn them full into his face. all if you can. What do they mat-

"Many of them are matters of grave report of the chief of military intelligence in Washington."

is but an old fossil at best. And yet, Heltzendorff, he is designed to be of siderable use," he added. "His majesty told me tonight that after his visit to England he has conceived the idea to establish an official movement for the improvement of better relations between Britain and Germany. The dear British are always ready to arms. At Carlton House terrace they strongly indorse the emperor's ideas, tells me that the movement should first arise in commercial and shipping circles. Herr Ballin will generate the idea in his offices in London and the various British ports, while his majesty has Von Gessier, the exambassador at Washington, in view as the man to bring forth the suggestion publicly. Indeed, tonight from the Wilhelmstrasse there has been sent a message to his schloss on the Mosel at Washington a few months ago." "But Von Gessier is an inveterate

enemy of Britain," I exclaimed in surprise, still seated at my table. "The world does not know that. The whole scheme is based upon Britain's morance of our intentions. We bring Von Gessier forward as the dear, good, Angiophile friend with his hand outstretched from the Wilhelmstrasse. Oh, Heltzendorff!" he laughed. "It is really intensely amusing, is it not?" I was slient. I knew that the deeply laid plot against Great Britain was proceeding apace.

"Get through all that-tonight if you can, Heltzendorff," the crown Harz, tomorrow, and in the evening we

"To Nice!" I exclaimed. "Yes," he said. "I have a friend

A friend there! I reflected. I could only suppose that the attraction in Nice was of the feminine gender. "Then the lady is in Nice!" I remarked, for sometimes I was permit-

man. And I want to get to Nice at the three months the fine Villa Llins. earliest moment. So get through those They are better out of the way," he laughed.

The Trip to Nice.

Just before eleven o'clock on the following night we left the Marmor ness became bored. I was still mystipalace. His imperial highness trav- fied why we had come to the Riviera eled incognito as he always did when so early in the season. visiting France, assuming the name of personal valet, Schuler, the military secretary, Major Lentze, and Eckardt, the commissioner of secret police for

his highness' personal protection. After a restless night-for there were many stoppages-I spent next of the department of Alpes-Maritimes mies." day with the crown prince in long and tiring discussions on military affairs. I endeavored to obtain from him some reason why we were proceeding to that the public are to be deluded. Offi-Nice, but to all my inquiries he was smilingly dumb.

Only a fortnight before he had had highness the crown prince was paying alone," was her answer. a quarrel with his wife.

openly to me, after she had left the

oom in anger. We had been busy arranging a program of official visits in eastern Germany, when suddenly the crown princess entered, pale with anger and de-

"Few people have been more closely associated with or know more of the astonading inneg machinery of Germany than he."

tily, "and explain what it means."

The crown prince grinned, that common than he." The crown prince grinned, that cold sinister expression overspreading his countenance, a took which is such a

marked characteristic of his, Then, almost snatching the letter from his young wife's fingers, he read vast store of secret information through it through, and with a sudden movement tore it up and flung it upon the carpet, saying:

"I refuse to discuss any unsigned letter! Really, if we were to notice every letter written by the common scum we should, indeed, have sufficient to do."

His wife's arched brows narrowed Her face betrayed flercest anger. "I happen to have inquired, and I now know that those allegations are correct!" she cried. "This dark-haired singer-woman, Irene Speroni, has obtained great success on the variety stage in Italy. She is the star of the Sain Margherita in Rome."

"Well?" he asked in defiance. "And what of it, pray?"

"That letter you have destroyed tells ne the truth. I received it a few days ago, and sent an agent to Italy in order to learn the truth. He has returned tonight. See!" And sudin the crown prince's room at denly she produced a crumpled snapthe Marble palace at Potsdam. shot photograph of the crown prince L as his imperial highness' personal in his polo-playing garb, and with him adjutant, had been traveling all day a smartly-dressed young woman, whose features were in the shadow.

"Yes," she cried bitterly. "You refuse, of course, to look upon this piece l'Opera, in the Place Massena, when a went to Wiesbaden. The woman was wearing the heavy veil in French style, singing there, and you gave her a pair passed along the pavement, glanced at happened. The emperor had, a month of emerald and diamond earnings me, and then, hesitating, she turned, before, returned from a visit to Eng- which you purchased from Vollgold and, coming back, advanced to the litin Unter den Linden. See! Here is tie table in the corner whereat I was

And again she produced a slip of The scene ended in the poor woman,

pile of papers. "Do get through all her on their marriage—and casting it Then, realizing that the scene had

hand, and, with a word of sympathy, importance. Here, for instance, is a led her out of the room and along the As I left her she burst into a treated his wife's natural resentment

> and indignation as a huge joke, and it was then that his imperial highness declared to me:

"Cilli is a fool!" . . . . . . . "Listen, Heltzendorff," his highness exclaimed suddenly. "In Nice I may disappear for a day or two. I may be missing. But if I am, please don't raise a fuss about it. I'm incognito, and nobody will know. I may be absent for seven days. If I am not back by that time then you may make in-

"But the Commissary of Police Eckardt! He will surely know?" I re-

marked in surprise. "No. He won't know, I shall evade him as I've often done before," recommanding bim to consuit with his plied his imperial highness. "I tell implesty. Von Bernstorff took his place you of my intentions so that you may the day Count von Grunau reappears." I smiled, for I saw the influence of

the eternal feminine.

"No. Heltzendorff. You are quite thoughts. "There is no lady in this no account of where she lived. case. I am out here for secret purposes of my own. For that reason I be made and some of those infernal his visit here to Nice?" journalists get hold of the fact that the Count von Grunau and the crown not. Why is he here?" prince are one and the same person. I is really comfortable and, after all, -eh? Surely we can afford to laugh

are already in our hands." His words mystified me, but I became even more mystified by his actions a few days later.

I was in ignorance that a fortnight ted, on account of my long service before Hermann Hardt, one of his with the emperor, to speak familiarly. highness' couriers, had left Potsdam "Lady, no!" he retorted. "It is a and on arrival at Nice had rented for We soon settled there and on the

infernal documents. Burn them all. evening of our arrival I accompanied the crown prince down into the town to the Jetee promenade, We smoked together and chatted, as

we often did when his imperial high-Yet our coming had, no doubt, bee

Count von Grunau. With us was his privately signaled, because within half Lilas a short, stout old Frenchman, -called, to leave his card, upon the Count von Grunau.

The imperial incognito only means tance." cialdom never is. They know the ruse, give us the actual facts?" and support it all the world over. His his annual visit to Nice, and the presi-

A LETTER FROM THE CROWN PRINCE'S PERSONAL ADJUTANT TO WILLIAM LEQUEUX, POSSESSOR OF THE SECRETS OF EUROPE.

> Veneux Nadon. par Moret-sur-Loing, Seine-et-Marne, February 10th, 1917.

My dear LeQueux:
I have just finished reading the proofs of your articles describing my life as an efficial at the imperial court at Potsdam, and the two or three small errors you made I have duly corrected. The gross scandals and willy intrigues which I have related to you were many of them known to yourself, for, as the intimate friend of Luisa, the ex-crown princess of Saxony, you were, before the war, closely associated with many of those at court whose names appear in

these articles. The revelations which I have made, and which you have recorded here, are but a tithe of the disclosures which I could make, and if the world desires more, I shall be pleased to furnish you with other and even more startling details, which you may also put into print.

My service as personal adjutant to the German crown prince is, happily, at an end, and now, with the treachery of Germany against civilization glaringly revealed, I feel, in my retirement, no compunction in exposing all I know concerning the secrets of the kniser and his son-With most cordial greetings from

Your sincere friend, (Signed) ECNST VON HELTZENDORFF.

little prefect. As I departed from the crown prince,

who yawned and declared that he was tired, he said ! "Ah! Heltzendorff. How good it is Mediterranean! We shall have a port | think it best if you show him this." on this pleasant sen one day-if we

live as long-eh?" That remark showed the trend of events. It showed how, hand in hand with the emperor, he was urging prepits primary object the destruction of dressed to Julie de Rouville at the the powers which, when the volcano Post Restante at Marseilles will quickerupted, united as allies.

The Mysterious Lady. After we had been at the Villa Lilas about ten days I was one afternoon seated outside the popular Cafe de sitting.

"May I be permitted to have a word with you, monsieur?" she asked in French, in a low, refined voice. "Certainly," was my reply, and, I half believing that she might be a se- And she knew that important state serose and drew a chair for her.

She glanced round quickly, though to satisfy herself that she she was about twenty-four, handsome, become too tragic, I took her small dark-haired, with well-cut features. "I know, monsieur, that I am a com-

plete stranger to you," she exclaimed tograph in my hand. with a smile, but to me you are quite torrent of tears; yet when I returned | many times in Berlin and in Potsdam, | after seven o'clock. again to the crown prince I found his and I know that you are Count von As soon as I heard of his return I But there was no reason for jealousy. Choked up the well and thrown ashes and carried Zedeklah to Riblah, where France."

"You know that!" I exclaimed. "Yes. I-well, I happen to be a friend of his highness."

I held my breath. So this pretty young Frenchwoman was one of my imperial master's friends!

"The fact is," she went on, "I have traveled a considerable distance to see you. I said that I was one of the crown prince's friends. Please do not misunderstand me. I know that he light. has a good many friends, but I have never been introduced to him, and he does not know me. I am his friend because of a certain friendliness toward him."

"Really, madame, I don't quite understand," I said. "Of course not," she answered, and he will be paid a thousand marks on place is a little too public. Cannot we go across the garden yonder?"

I rose and walked with her to quiet spot in the gardens. She told me that her name was mistaken," he said, reading my Julie de Rouville, but she would give

"I have ventured to approach you, because I cannot approach the crown take you into my confidence rather prince," she said presently. "You probthan that unnecessary inquiry should ably do not know the true reason of

"No," I said. "I admit that "It is a secret of his own. But, I press." was a fool to take this salon. I ought am aware of the reason, and that is tain quarter in France it will, in a few I disliked him. He had cruel eyes

what do we care what the world thinks days, be known that the German em- and I could see that he was a very a motor car and the other was a Gerperor is establishing a movement for clever and cunning person. at it when all the honors of the game an entente between Germany and Britexposed in a few days!"

rived this knowledge?" I asked, looking at her in amazement.

and said: prove to you that I am in possession of certain facts known to but few peo-

"You evidently are," I said. "But who intends to betray the truth to France?" "I regret, count, that I cannot an-

swer your question." "If you are, as you say, the crown an hour of our arrival at the Villa prince's friend, it would surely be a friendly act to let us know the truth. with white, bristly hair-who I af- so that steps may be taken, perhaps, terward found out was Monsieur Paul to avoid the secret of Germany's diplo-Bayouzet, the newly appointed prefect macy from leaking out to her ene-

"All I can tell you, count, is that the matter is one of the gravest impor-"But will you not speak openly, and

"I will-but to his imperial highness

dent had sent his compliments through | an interview, then I will reveal all I his representative, the bristly-haired know, and, further, will suggest a means of preventing the truth from leaking out."

"But you are French," I said. "I have told you so," she laughed. "But probably his highness will refuse to get a breath of soft air from the to see Julie de Rouville, therefore, I From her little gold chain-purse she produced a small, unmounted photo-

graph of herself, and handed it to me. "When he recognizes who wishes to Yet I knew by his tone that he was not see him he will understand," she said, arations for war-a war that had for in a quiet, refined voice. "A letter adly find me. I do not wish the letter to be sent to me here. From Marsellles I shall duly receive it."

I was silent for a few moments. "I confess," I exclaimed at last, "I confess I do not exactly see the necesof evidence! I now know why you lady, dressed in deep mourning and sity for an interview with his highness, when whatever you tell me-ns his personal adjutant-will be regarded as strictly in confidence." "I have already said, Count von

Heltzendorff, that I am his highness' friend, and wish to approach him with motives of friendship." "You wish for no payment for this

cret agent of France. "Payment-of course not!" she answered, half indignantly. "Show that would not be overheard. I saw that photograph to the crown prince, and tell him that I apply for an interview." Then, rather abruptly, she rose and He merely said: walked away, leaving me with her pho-

The crown prince was out motoring, familiar by sight. I have passed you and did not get back to the villa until

manner had entirely changed. He Heltzendorff, personal adjutant to his went to his room and recounted my I saw the woman and gave her the highness the crown prince-or Count strange adventure with the darkvon Grunau, as he is known here in haired young woman in black. He be- lips." came keenly interested, and the more so when I told him of her secret pretty variety artiste was endeavoring ing effrontery and gazes without a sigh deans had been broken, thus showing She smiled mysteriously, replying: knowledge of the kniser's intended es-

Great Britain. "She wishes to see you," I said. "And she told me to give you her photograph."

I handed it to him. changed. He held his breath and then examined the photograph beneath the

Next second, however, he had recovered his self-possession and said: "Yes, of course, I know her. She wants me to write to Julie de Rouville at the Post Restante at Marseilles, eh?

H'm-I'll think it over." Late in the afternoon, two days later, his highness, who had been walkble friend. Tell him not to worry, and then, glancing round, she added: "This ing alone, returned to the villa with a stranger, a tall, rather thin, fairhaired man, undoubtedly a German. and the pair were closeted together, holding counsel evidently for a considerable time. Where his highness met hinf I knew not, but when later on I entered the room I saw that the pair

were on quite friendly terms . His highness addressed him as Herr me that he was from the Wilhelmembassy at Washington, and after-

ain, and that the whole affair is based and the man Schafer were almost in- that it was none other than Herr Schaupon a fraud? The emperor wants no separable. Was it for the purpose of fer. entente, but only war with France and meeting Schafer that he had gone to with Britain. The whole plot will be Nice? The man had been back from the other's visits," said the bearded "From what source have you de- learnt, been lately living in Paris. One evening while strolling along But she again smiled mysteriously, I suddenly encountered Julie de Rou- man seemed very deeply in love with "I merely tell you this in order to thetic figure, just as we had last met. I instantly recollected that since the San Remo." evening when I had given her photo-

> never mentioned her. two days." "Tve been staying over at Cannes," was my reply. "Well?"

"I have to thank you for giving my photograph and message to his highness," she said. written you-eh?" "Well, no-" was her rather vague

reply. "Then how are you aware that I gave your message?" She shook her head and smiled. "I had my own means of discovery,

is I have heard nothing, I wish you to | was performing in London, and she deliver another message-a very urgent | had, unknown to him, opened his disone. Tell him I must see him, for I patch box and from some secret corredread daily lest the truth of the kalser's real intentions be known at the Quai d'Orsay." "Certainly," was my reply. "I will

deliver your message this evening." "Tell him that my sole desire is to act in the interests of the emperor and and he, in turn, had seen the woman himself," she urged. "But, forgive me," I said, "I cannot

communicate with you." "I have my reasons, Count von Helt- her to Beaulieu. Having so far suczendorff," was her rather haughty re- ceeded, the crown prince went to Nice ply. "Please tell him that the matter and played upon Schafer's love for the will not brook further delay."

I had seen in the London newspapers during the past week how eagerly watch. the English lournalists, with the dust | He did so and discovered the truth. cast into their eyes, were blindly advo- Then there occurred the tragedy of velcome the great German national lieved. movement, headed by Baron von Gessler, supported by Ballin, Delbruck to Germany, and the police of San Reand Von Wedel, with the hearty co-op- mo are still in ignorance of his ideneration of the emperor and the imperitity. al chancellor-the movement to establish better relations with Great Bri-

I knew that the secret should at all hazards be kept, and that night I told the crown prince of my second meeting with the pretty woman in black and her urgent request. He laughed, but made no remark,

so easy in his mind as he desired me to It also seemed strange why, if the young Frenchwoman was so desirous of meeting him, she did not call at the

About a week later it suddenly occurred to me to endeavor to discover the real identity of the lady in black, but as I was not certain whether she actually lived in Nice it was rather difficult. Nevertheless, by invoking the aid of my friend Belabre, inspector of the Surete of Nice, and after waiting a few days I made an astounding discovery, namely, that the lady who called herself De Rouville was an Italian cafe concert singer named Irene Speroni—the woman who had aroused information, eh?" I asked suspiciously, the jealousy of the crown princess!

> cret of Germany! The situation was a most serious one. I felt it my duty to mention my discovery to his highness, when, to my

In a moment I understood, The to levy blackmail. But how could she, on the ruin he has made. Damages, himself a traitor (II Chron. 36:13). As tablishment of a bogus entente with in her position, have learned the secret of the emperor's intentions?

She was, I found, living as Signorina Speroni, with her maid, at the Hotel award to my client. And for those to Babylon, where he remained a pris-Bristol over at Beaulieu, just across the blue bay of Villefranche, and as the At sight of it his face instantly days went on I realized the imminent danger of exposure, and wondered if the kalser knew of it.

I made a remark to that effect to his highness one morning, whereupon he replied:

"Don't disturb yourself, my dear Heltzendorff! I have not overlooked the matter, for it is one that closely concerns both the emperor and myself. The woman obtained the secret by opening the dispatch box of one who believed her to be his friend, and then she attempted to use her knowledge in caught-eh?"

At that moment Herr Schafer encussion was out of the question. From inquiries I made later on I strasse and had been attached to the tive chat with the hall porter, a Ger- News. man, of course. From him I learned

wards in London, "for affairs of the that the signorina had been staying there ever since the date when we had Whatever was in progress was a arrived at Nice and, further, that two princess leaves for Treseburg, in the to have traveled as an ordinary pas- why I have sought you. Would it sur- strict secret between the pair. The gentlemen had been frequently in the senger, I know, but," he laughed, "this prise you if I told you that in a cer- more I saw of Hans Schafer the more habit of calling upon her. One was a smart young Frenchman who came in man. From the description of the lat-For a full fortnight the crown prince ter I at once came to the conclusion

"The one gentleman did not know of London about two months and had, I porter, with a laugh. "The signorina always impressed silence upon me, because she thought one would be jealthe tree-lined Promenade des Anglais ous of the other. The German gentleville, dressed in mourning, a quiet, pa- her, and she called him Hans. He accompanied her when she left here for

I reported this to his highness, but graph to the crown prince he had he made no remark. A week later small and could not be had in a larger some fishermen found upon the brown "Ah, count!" she cried. "This is rocks near Capo Verde, beyond San was denied that dress, was persistent indeed, a welcome meeting! I have Remo, the body of a woman, fully been looking out for you for the past dressed, afterwards identified as that er, to convince the child, tried the of Irene Speroni, the singer so popu-

lar in Rome. night she had been seen by two peas- short now," said Jane. ants walking along the sea road near San Lorenzo, accompanied by a tall. "I trust that the crown prince has thin man, who seemed greatly excited, and was talking in German. It was believed by the Italian police that the unknown German, in a fit of jealousy, sists in calling him a mule.-Town threw her into the sea.

From facts I gathered some months later I realized that the whole plot had been most cunningly conceived. By certain signs I knew you had car- Schafer, after his return from Ameri- love it, and are always ready to guard "If his highness will honor me with ried out your promise," she said. "But ca, had met the woman Speroni, who and defend it.—Daniel Webster.

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death of the wicked.-Ezekiel 33:11. the emperor contemplated. Many years after the kingdom of Schafer, alarmed at the woman's knowledge, and yet fascinated by her Israel was taken captive by the Ascharms, had gone to the crown prince, syrians, Judah was carried away to in Wiesbaden. Finding her so dangerous to the emperor's plans he first inyears. The first deportation was while see why you should interest yourself | troduced her to a young French marin the crown prince if he declines to quis, de Vienne by name, who pestered her with his attentions, and followed second deportation was while Jeholakim reigned. Most likely Ezekiel was woman, pointing out that she was playing a double game and urging him to carried away with this second company (Ezekiel 1:1-2). The third deportation, some twelve years after the

cating that the British public should jealousy, exactly as the police be-Herr Schafer had, however, escaped

spondence had learned the real truth

regarding the proposed entente which

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Death From Superstition.

A superstitious Buddhist caused a man's death in Mura, Japan. A dealer in clogs went mad, owing to money troubles. His wife and his sister consulted a Buddhist. The ignorant devotee, believing that the man was possessed by a fox, advised them to take against that king. He thought that by him to Nose temple. In accordance with the request of the man's relatives the devotee took the lunatic to Nose temple, where he threw him in a pool eneath a waterfall known as Shintaki, holding him fast there with ropes. He repeated the process for a few days. Needless to say the lunatic's health nary treatment. A few days later, at the Chaldean army withdrew because lunatic in the basin of the waterfall (Jer. 37:5). Shut off from help from as usual and left him there for a few without, the Jews soon were famish- makes special reference to this phase hours. Before he returned the man died from exhaustion and cold. this famine were awful. For a descrip- West in the following: Amazed at this result the ignorant bigot buried the body in a temple known as Takusonii in the same village, and made out that the lunatic had died from a sudden illness. The police, however, heard of the affair and arrested the man.

Dickens' Forensic Masterpiece. none of them has a stronger hold on to surrender; others insisted upon for building materials motor cars surprise, he was not in the least angry. the memory of his readers than Ser- holding out. geant Buzfuz, whose peroration in "It is true, Heltzendorff-true what Bardell vs. Pickwick ranks as a foren- length the city was broken up, and the denced by the astonishing demand for the crown princess declared—that I sic masterpiece; "But Pickwick, gen- king and his warriors fled by night. His motor cars, but it must be remembered went to Wiesbaden and that I gave tlemen, Pickwick, the ruthless destroy thought was to escape to the country that many of these cars will make for he woman a pair of emerald earrings er of this domestic oasis in the desert beyond the Jordan. The Chaldean efficiency on the farm and economiz which I ordered from old Vollgold. of Goswell street-Pickwick, who has army overtook him, scattered his army, both time and labor."-Advertisement. on the sward-Pickwick who comes Nebuchadnezzar had his headquarters. present in the hope of closing her before you today with his heartless to- Here judgment was passed upon him. mato sauce and warming pans-Pick- In his trial it was shown that his gentlemen, heavy damages, is the only a punishment for his treachery his own punishment with which you can visit sons were slain before him, his eyes him-the only recompense you can put out (v. 7), and he himself carried damages she now appeals to an en- oner till his death (Jer. 52:11). In this lightened, a high-minded, a right-feel- we have a marvelous fulfillment of ing, a conscientious, a dispassionate, a prophecy (Ezekiel 12:3), which says sympathizing, a contemplative jury of

her civilized countrymen."

Rotten. A colored man, working near the outskirts of the city, went to a nearby grocery at the noon hour and bought 5 cents worth of crackers for his lunch. As he started to leave the store he noticed some neat looking boxes that contained samples of axle grease. "Say, mister," he called to the grocer, "what's these little boxes of cheese order to drag me into her net. But I worth?" "Oh," says the grocer, "those do not think I am very likely to be are just advertising samples. Help yourself to one if you like." The next day he appeared at the store again tered the room, therefore further dis- and was asked by the groceryman how he liked his lunch of yesterday. Scratching his head dublously he said; found that the concert singer had sud- "Well, mister, your crackers was a-all Schafer, and when he had left he told denly left the hotel, therefore I went right, but, sa-a-ay, boss, that cheese over to Beaulieu and had an instruc- was sure 'ransom.'" - Indianapolis

Beware of Closed Mind. Beware of the closed mind. This sounds like a paradox when addressed to young men, yet it will, I think, bear examination. It is a truism to say that the danger of maturity, and especially of age, is the closing of the mind to new ideas. Habit, most powerful of influences, hard experience the very passage of the years, all alike tend to stiffen the muscles and to harden the arteries of the mind as they do those of the body. It is a misfortune with which advancing age must struggle, and the effort is severe and too often either neglected or fruitless.-Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Jane went shopping with her mother to buy some dresses. One which particularly took Jane's fancy was too size. Jane, not understanding why she in her entreaties for it, so her mothdress on and said: Don't you see how short it is?" "But mother, all the It was proved that on the previous ladles are wearing their dresses very

> Wigg-How is it he kicks so much at what his wife says? Wagg-Maybe it's because she per-

Liberty. God grants liberty only to those who

At Last! "There is only one thing in this war

"What's that?"

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THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH.

of Babylon (chapter 24:17), who ap-

tion of it one should read the book of

that Zedekiah shall be taken to Baby-

lon and die there and yet not see the

city. He could not see it because his

that that which God says will surely

III. The Destruction of the City (vv.

8-10). Not only were the people taken

captive, but the city itself was sub-

jected to the utmost rigors of war.

They plundered the house of the Lord.

the palace and the houses of the rich.

and then consigned them to the flames

(v. 9). They even broke down the

IV. Disposition of the Inhabitants

They were divided into two classes,

those who had deserted to the Baby-

lonians during the siege and those who

were found inside of the city at the

time it was taken. Many doubtless de-

serted to the Babylonians during this

siege, as even Jeremiah was arrested

on this charge (Jer. 38:13). The poor

of the land were left to be vine dress-

ers and husbandmen. The wealthy

and influential were taken away, as

ing nation; besides they would be a

left because pauper captives would be

for the land to lie in waste, as then

they could not exact tribute from it.

To that end encouragement was given

by the Babylonians as "vineyards and

2. The contents of the temple (vv.

13-21). From the temple which had

been twice plundered before (II Chron.

36:7, 10), such of gold, silver and

bronze vessels as still remained were

taken, even the great pillars of the

molten sea. The captives and the treas-

ure were delivered to Nebuchadnezzar

at Roblah, where more than threescore

The friendly word, the kindly usages

of companionship and recollection, are

never more acceptable than in strenu-

ous days like these. It is well to let

proverb, "Out of sight out of mind."-

Buffalo (N. Y.) Times.

Europe will git a square deal?

th' kings, quanes an' knaves !- Life.

The Poor Millionaire.

he got out of it was his board and

conduct give the lie to the cynical

of men were killed (vv. 19-21).

fields" were given to the poor.

a burden.

explain its details.

Lawrence Bros. of Vera, Saskatche-

wan, are looked upon as being amongst the most progressive farmers in Western Canada. They have had their "ups-and-downs," and know what it is to be in tight pinches. They persevered, and are now in an excellent LESSON TEXT-II Kings 25:1-21. GOLDEN TEXT-As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the financial position. Their story is an interesting one. Coming in from the states they traveled overland from Calgary across the Battle river, the Red Deer river, through the Engle Hills and on to Battleford. On the Babylon. Judah's captivity was in did not dishearten them. They had way their horses were stolen, but this three stages, covering about twenty some money, with which they bought more horses, and some provisions, Jehoiakim was king. Daniel and his When they reached Battleford they friends went into captivity at this had only money enough to pay their time (Dan. 1:1-6). The seventy years | ferriage over the Saskatchewan river. captivity dates from this time. The and this they had to borrow. It was in 1906 that they filed on homesteads, having to sell a shotgun for ten dol-

lars in order to get sufficient money to do so. Frank Lawrence says: "Since that time we have acquired altogether a section and a half of second, is the one described in our les- land, in addition to renting another son. At this time the greater part of three quarters of a section. If we the nation was removed to Babylon. had to sell out now we could probably Only the poor and unimportant were realize about \$50,000, and have made left. Jerusalem itself was destroyed all this since we came here. We get crops in this district of from 30 to I. Jerusalem Besieged (vv. 1-3). 35 bushels of wheat to the acre and Zedekiah owed his kingship to the king onts from 40 to 80 bushels to the acre. Stock here pays well. We have 1,700 sheep, 70 cattle and 60 horses, of which pointed him to the throne after the removal of Jehoiakim. His name was a number are registered Clydes." changed from Mattaniah to Zedekiah.

Similar successes might be given of the experiences of hundreds of farm-He was not a good man (24:19). Though having his position by the will ers throughout Western Canada, who of the king of Babylon, he rebelled have done comparatively as well. Why should they not dress well, live well have comfortable homes, with all modthe aid of the surrounding nations, especially Egypt, he could throw off ern equipments, electric light, steam heat, pure ventilation, and automothe yoke of Babylon. Jeremiah counseled submission, but the king refused. biles. Speaking of automobiles it will Nebuchadnezzar came in person with be a revelation to the reader to learn that during the first half of 1917, 16,all his host and laid siege to Jerusalem, even building forts against it (v. 1). 000 automobile licenses were issued in This siege lasted for about a year and Alberta, twice as many as in the whole suffered considerably by this extraordia a half. For a while during that period of 1916. In Saskatchewan, 21,000 licenses were issued up to the first of about 4 a. m., the zealot threw the of the appearance of Pharaoh's army May, 1917. In its monthly bulletin for June the Canadian Bank of Commerce ing for want of bread. The horrors of and to the general prosperity of the

"Generally speaking the western Lamentations. Mothers ate their own farmer is, in many respects, in a much children (Lam. 4:10). The richest, even | better position than hitherto to inladies in silken robes, wandered about crease his production. Two years of searching for scraps in the dung heaps | high prices for his products have en-(Lam. 4:5-10). Their tongues clave abled him, even with a normal crop, to the roofs of their mouths, and their to liquidate a substantial proportion skins were dried up. Added to these of his liabilities and at the same time horrors were murderous fights between to buy improved farm machinery. His Dickens' lawyers are legion, but parties among the Jews. Some wanted prosperity is reflected in the demand holding out.

11. Zedekiah's Flight (vv. 4-7). At true that some extravagance is evi-

He Settled It.

An amusing story is told at Stratford-on-Avon. In the smoking room wick still rears his head with unblush- solemn oath of allegiance to the Chal- of a hotel a few years ago an Englishman and a Scotchman engaged in a heated argument. John Bull was declaring William Shakespeare to be the only poet of the world, and Sandy Mc-Pherson was standing up for his Bobby Burns.

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"It is. I know more about the busiand the Contents of the Temple (vv. ness than he does. Whenever he wants to know anything about what's going 11-21). 1. The inhabitants (vv. 11, 12). on he comes to me to find out." "That's usually the way." "I'm the fellow that ought to be the

> "A lot of men think that way, and yet there's one big difference. He knows something that you don't know." "What is it?" "He knows enough to hire good men

like you to do the work. If you knew

that you'd be the boss and he'd be in

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Everything. "What's in a name?" "Well. I know a man who has every-Andrew Carnegie once said that the hing in his wife's name," cheapest commodity a community

could purchase was a millionaire. He When a man gets the last word in an worked hard, he gave of his time, argument the chances are that it is behis ability, his money, his credit and cause she throws It at him. his reputation to build up a community and to keep people employed, and all

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front by way of Canada comes the some preaching, with his comrades in

SAVED BY BOOK OF SERMONS | had a plous upbringing in his early a German sniper hit Private Mac in of his book of sermons, where, oh, | grows. It is so healthful that it is | it might be said in retort that they home in Scotland, and his religious in- the breast, the builet being deflected where, my dear friends, would Brother said a steady diet of it will cure many are low-browed people who think so. family settled on a farm in western | Fearing that Mac was about to im-

breast pocket, and occasionally he does | best preaching manner started in: "Oh, dear friends, what a blessed Private G of the same regiment wasn't a-reading of his book of ser-

then?"

Cheap and Good.

like the taste of a parsnip has his on Ohio. palate put in wrong. Lettuce is cheap Some of the best foods are the and a lettuce sandwich is royal food. cheapest. There are carrots, salsify, Anyone who starves while these things thing it was that our dear brother parsnips, lettuce and such stuff. They are on the market, to be bought for a that gives me any comfort," remarked have not advanced in price very much, few cents, has not much of a claim Mr. Cumrox. comrade, illustrating how viewpoints lacked the upbringing and the book of mons—as he ought to have been—in- and they are the best food that grows, on life. There is more health in them change when men get on the firing sermons, but possesses a sense of stead of engaging in worldly conver- says the Columbus (O.) State Journal, than in porterhouse steak or oyster humor. The two were in a group sation with sinful soldier men. For if Carrots have the rarest combination cocktails. Some people affect to right out in public and say I don't Private Mac of an Alberta regiment | resting and smoking when a shot from | dear Brother Mac had been a-reading of food qualities of anything that | think they are a low-brow food, but approve of Wagner apera,"

Mac (priceless old thing) have been distempers. Parsnips are cheap, good, Live on carrots for a week and you wholesome. Anybody who doesn't win the prize offered for the best song

"At last I am permitted to come

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